

All Economic Regulations are Transparent Act of 2014: The House began consideration of H.R. 2804, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to publish information about rules on the Internet. Consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, February 27th.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–38 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Brady (TX) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–361) that requires federal agencies to identify in any Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) the achievable objective of the proposed rule and the metrics to be used. The amendment also requires federal agencies in issuing final rules to certify that the rule meets the objectives the agency identified in the NPR;

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Rigell amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–361) that expands the requirements of initial regulatory flexibility analyses to include an analysis of any impairment of the ability of small entities to have access to credit; and

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Tipton amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–361) that makes a technical correction that ensures the current requirement, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that each agency annually publish a list of regulations to be reviewed pursuant to its periodic review plan, remains so.

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Rejected:

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–361) that sought to strike the six month moratorium on finalizing rules and

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Murphy (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–361) that sought to cut titles II and IV from the bill.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Rothfus amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–361) that seeks to add terms to define a negative-impact on jobs and wages rule, help agencies identify a negative-impact on jobs and wages rule, and require agency heads approving a negative-impact on jobs and wages rule to submit a statement that they approved the rule knowing of its negative-impact on jobs and wages.

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H. Res. 487, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3865) and (H.R. 2804), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 66, after the previous question was

ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 65.

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Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Representatives Yoder and Butterfield.

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British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representative Roe (TN).

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Discharge Petition: Representative Bishop (NY) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Education and the Workforce from the consideration of H.R. 1010, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage (Discharge Petition No. 7).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1971.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1959, H1959–60, H1960, H1969–70, H1970, and H1970–71. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EFFORTS TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "The State of Efforts to Stop Human Trafficking". Testimony was heard from Cindy McCain, Co-Chairperson, Arizona Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking; William Woolf, Detective, Fairfax County, Virginia Police Department; and public witnesses.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Oversight of Internal Revenue Service. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service.

QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Quality of Life in the

Military. Testimony was heard from Sergeant Major Raymond F. Chandler, III, Sergeant Major of the Army; Master Chief Petty Officer Michael D. Stevens, Petty Officer of the Navy; Sergeant Major Michael P. Barrett, Marine Corps; and Chief Master Sergeant James A. Cody, Sergeant of the Air Force.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN COUNTRIES WITH REPRESSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on oversight of U.S. Assistance to Promote Freedom and Democracy in Countries with Repressive Environments. This was a closed hearing.

POSTURE OF THE U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND AND U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Posture of the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command”. Testimony General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr, USA, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command; and General John F. Kelly, USMC, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Defense Health Agency. Testimony was heard from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Lieutenant General Douglas J. Robb, Director, Defense Health Agency; and Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

PROVIDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, FLEXIBLE HEALTH PLANS THROUGH SELF-INSURANCE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Providing Access to Affordable, Flexible Health Plans through Self-Insurance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOW CMS’ ATTACK ON THE PART D PROGRAM WILL INCREASE COSTS AND REDUCE CHOICES FOR SENIORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Messing with Success: How CMS’ Attack on the Part D Program Will Increase Costs and Reduce Choices for Seniors”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Blum, Principal Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER LOBBYING AND OBSTRUCTION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Inspector General Report: Allegations of Improper Lobbying and Obstruction at the Department of Housing and Urban Development”. Testimony was heard from David Montoya, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DOD-FRANK ACT’S IMPACT ON ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The Dodd-Frank Act’s Impact on Asset-Backed Securities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING THREATS TO CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “International Wildlife Trafficking Threats to Conservation and National Security”. Testimony was heard from Kerri-Ann Jones, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Daniel M. Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior; and Robert G. Dreher, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Sudan and South Sudan”. Testimony was heard from Donald Booth, Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan, Department of State; and public witnesses.

THE SECRETARY’S VISION FOR THE FUTURE—CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Secretary’s Vision for the Future—Challenges and Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

ENFORCING THE PRESIDENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO FAITHFULLY EXECUTE THE LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Enforcing the President’s Constitutional Duty to Faithfully Execute the Laws”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Gerlach; Rice (SC); Black; DeSantis; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 2992, the “Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN ENERGY JOBS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Mary Pletcher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Capital and Diversity, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 503, the “National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act”; H.R. 712, to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024; H.R. 1192, the “Mount Jessie Benton Fremont”; H.R. 1501, the “Prison Ship Martyrs’ Monument Preservation Act”; H.R. 1744, the “Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act”; H.R. 2569, the “Upper Missisquoi and Trout Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”; H.R. 3222, the “Flushing Remonstrance Study Act”; H.R. 3366, to provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon; H.R. 3802, to extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Roe (TN); Frelinghuysen; Jeffries; Welch; Meng; Walden; and Lynch; and Victor Knox, Associate Director, Park and Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of Interior; Michael Nedd, Assistant Director, Energy, Min-

erals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; Aaron Baker, City Liaison Officer, Mesquite, Nevada; and public witnesses.

LIMITLESS SURVEILLANCE AT THE FDA: PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF FEDERAL WHISTLEBLOWERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Limitless Surveillance at the FDA: Protecting the Rights of Federal Whistleblowers”. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and Walter Harris, Chief Operating Officer and Acting Chief Information Officer, Food and Drug Administration; Jeffrey Shuren, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; Ruth McKee, Associate Director, Management Center, Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; and a public witness.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION CONDUCTING A SERIOUS INVESTIGATION OF IRS TARGETING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Is the Obama Administration Conducting a Serious Investigation of IRS Targeting?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNFUNDED MANDATES INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 899, the “Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2013”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 899. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in

the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Foxx and Cummings.

OVERSIGHT OF PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Passenger and Freight Rail Safety”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Cynthia L. Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; Robert L. Sumwalt, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

VA ACCOUNTABILITY: ASSESSING ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO SUBCOMMITTEE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “VA Accountability: Assessing Actions Taken in Response to Subcommittee Oversight”. Testimony was heard from Robert Petzel, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

PREVENTING DISABILITY SCAMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Preventing Disability Scams”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Colvin, Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration; William B. Zielinski, Deputy Commissioner of Systems and Chief Information Officer, Social Security Administration; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D158)

S.J. Res. 28, providing for the appointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on February 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–84)

S.J. Res. 29, providing for the appointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on February 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–85)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Full Committee, to resume closed hearings to examine responses to questions from the open session on current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine North Pacific perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1419, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1771, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, S. 1800, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets, S. 1946, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to modify the authorization of appropriations, S. 1965, to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services, S. 2010 and H.R. 1963, bills to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, S. 2019, to reauthorize and update certain provisions of the Secure Water Act, and S. 2034, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine international parental child abduction, 11:15 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Portia Y. Wu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, Heather L. MacDougall, of Florida, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, Massie Ritsch, of the